

Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
60 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston
Community
Newsletter
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Turn back your clocks
November 3rd



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Our Community Church
Worship 10:00 a.m. with Children's story

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is November 28! Here are some different Scriptures based on gratefulness. Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the creator through Him. Colossians 3:17

God who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us, on Him we have set our hope that He will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. 2 Corinthians 1:10-11

To You, O God of my ancestors, I give thanks and praise, For You have given me wisdom and power. Daniel 2:23

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, For His steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for His loving kindness is everlasting. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His loving kindness is everlasting. Psalm 136:1-3

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15

Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. 1 Chronicles 16:8

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

Rejoice in the Lord, O You righteous, and give thanks to His holy name! Psalm 97: 12

Your sister in Christ, Stephanie C. Flynn

The offering for Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24 will be canned goods, or fresh fruit and vegetables for Thanksgiving baskets for needy families.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
December 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS November 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf
Email to: newsletter@phillipston.com



Phillipston's Holiday Memory Tree

and

2024 Public Service Award

When: **Sunday, ~December 1st~, 2024**

Time and Place: **4:30 P.M., On the Common**

Please come join us as the Historical Society of Phillipston once again sponsors the Memory Tree Ceremony, an event that has become a meaningful way to begin the holiday season. We will celebrate the names inside the Congregational Church after the tree is lit! The names will be read aloud of the loved ones who have passed away, family members and friends who are serving in the armed forces, and the happy events in our lives that we would like to share.

The annual "**Citizen of the Year**" for public service to the town will also be announced and presented this evening.

Please use the form below to include your names and events in the ceremony. Each name/remembrance is a \$5.00 donation, and you may include as many as you like. Include a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

*** Please send in submissions by **~Nov. 28th~** ***

For any questions, contact Linda Langevin at 978-939-5656.

Mail completed form and donation to:

**Memory Tree of Phillipston, c/o Linda Langevin, 105 Riley Switch Road,
Phillipston, MA 01331**

Enclosed is my \$ _____ donation for ____ light(s) on the Memory Tree.

Please make check payable to "**Historical Society of Phillipston**".

Name Remembered

Memory or Celebration of

Your Relationship

Your Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____



Narragansett Regional High School Principal Receives National Recognition



Mr. Colby Young, Principal of Narragansett Regional High School is one of only 27 administrators across the United States to earn the **2024-2025 Outstanding Administrator Award** from Project Lead the Way! Colby earns this national recognition for his commitment to providing students with meaningful learning experiences through the PLTW program, his vision and leadership in developing PLTW pathways, and his focus on ensuring staff is provided professional development and ongoing support in the development and implementation of STEM (Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programming. Aren Scanlan-Emigh, teacher, stated: "Colby Young is a force of nature that has transformed our school and my career in the years since he joined Narragansett Regional High School. What has made the difference is Colby's unrelenting positivity. It's just in his nature to remain positive, listen, offer, compliment, and be proactive."

"Through program development and scheduling, Mr. Young has worked collaboratively and creatively to ensure high school students understand and have access to Project Lead the Way Pathways. He has helped students shift their understanding of PLTW as a single class to a focus on integrated pathways for biomedical, engineering, and computer science," said Assistant Superintendent, Molly Superchi. "These shifts have resulted in a positive impact on student's long-term career and college planning."

NRHS senior Ashley states "Mr. Young is a progressive principal, always making changes and improvements for the students. The introduction of PLTW classes allows students to have a more hands-on learning experience and career-oriented classrooms. Without Mr. Young's progressive actions toward the future and the help of PLTW teachers, I wouldn't be committed to a field in medical interventions like I am now."

Narragansett Regional School District proudly announces this well-deserved national recognition for our high school principal, Mr. Colby Young.

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

November 12, 2024, 6pm.

* "like" our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

**** The Library will be CLOSED on Wednesday, November 27 Happy Thanksgiving!**

Wreath-Making Demonstration

Join us on **Wednesday, December 4 at 6pm** as Karen Perkins hosts a wreath-demonstration program. Karen will demonstrate each step in creating a stunning holiday wreath! Refreshments served.

Story Hour

Join us for a Pre School Story Hour on **Tuesday, November 19 at 10am**. We'll enjoy stories, a craft project and a snack. No registration necessary.

New Materials

New books include: The Mighty Red: a novel by Louise Erdrich, Triangle by Danielle Steel, The Boyfriend by Freida McFadden, Identity Unknown by Patricia Cornwell, The Restless Wave: a novel of the United States Navy by Admiral James Stavridis, The Forest of Lost Souls by Dean Koontz, We Solve Murders by Richard Osman, Counting Miracles by Nicholas Sparks, War by Bob Woodward and The Waiting by Michael Connelly

BOOK CLUB

The Book club's next read will be Hillbilly Elegy by J.D.Vance. Copies are available to borrow at the library. Watch the outside sign for the date of our next meeting. New members always welcome!

Help Wanted

Planning Board Secretary

Must have Microsoft office experience, be able to attend Planning Board meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month, and perform secretarial duties as needed. Pay commensurate with experience, not to exceed annual town meeting voted amount (FY25 \$5,551). If interested, please contact the Planning Board via email at planning@phillipston-ma.gov.

NOTES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

FY2025 TAX BILLS DUE: 11/4/2024

(if not paid by due date 14% interest accrues)

Office hours: Mon: 1- 4 pm and Wed. 1- 6 pm

Tel: 978-249-1731

CORD WOOD FOR SALE

Cut and split cord wood for sale.

\$ 275.00

No deliveries, must pickup.

Call: 978-249-9482



19th Annual

Country Roads

2024

HOLIDAY TOUR

NOVEMBER 9-DECEMBER 8

A spectacular month-long event that celebrates the beauty and charm of New England and supports small, local businesses.

PRIZES, SPECIALS & SALES

WINCHENDON, MA

Smith's Country Cheese

GARDNER, MA

The Good Earth

HUBBARDSTON, MA

Giacomo's Gourmet Foods

A Thyme & A Place

Plain View Farm

PHILLIPSTON, MA

Red Apple Farm & Brew Barn

TEMPLETON, MA

The Kitchen Garden

Country Bumpkin' Antiques

Valley View Farm

Back in Tyme

Valley Florist

BALDWINVILLE, MA

Soulful Body & Mind Apothecary

BARRE, MA

Hartman's Herb Farm Bed & Breakfast

Sheldon's Farm Baskets

PETERSHAM, MA

Petersham Leathers

Petersham Art Center

The Country Store

Valcourt Sugar Shack

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Explore the Country Roads of North Central Massachusetts

Town of Phillipston

2024 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Every year the Alphonse, Sr. Public Service Award is given to a deserving Phillipston resident who has demonstrated outstanding community service.

To submit your candidate, please fill out the following:

I hereby nominate _____ to be considered for the 2024 Alphonse W. Chartier, Sr. Public Service Award.

Please attach a brief written statement as to why you think your candidate should receive the award and drop off at the Town Clerks office or mail it to Town Clerk's Office, 50 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331 **On or before November 4th**. Be sure to label it Citizen of the Year on the outside.

Council on Aging News

NOVEMBER SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Tuesday 11-5 Meatball Stroganoff over egg noodles, Tuscan blend vegetables, and pears.

Thursday 11-14 Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, honey-glazed carrots, and apple pie

Tuesday 11-19 Vegetarian lentil stew, Brussels sprouts, and chocolate pudding

Lunch is served at noon at The Phillipston Congregational Church on The Common.

A \$3.50 donation is suggested.

To make a reservation please call Paula at 978-407-9504

We are going to the Theatre at the Mount to see The Sound of Music on December 8, 2024. I have a few tickets left if you are interested please call for more information.

Paula 978-407-9504

A grant from the Cultural Council funds this.

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO GRAB A HONDA GENERATOR NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! WE HAVE ALL SIZES IN STOCK FROM POWERING YOUR ENTIRE HOME TO JUST THE ESSENTIALS. PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING COLD WEATHER AND ENSURE YOU HAVE RELIABLE POWER WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST.



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WWW.CYCLEDISIGNONLINE.COM

Cemetery Commission

All pots, urns, vases basket, artificial flowers and decorations must be removed by October 1" for purpose of Fall clean up.

Please help by removing items. If not removed otherwise will be disposed of by the Cemetery Commission.

Thank you for your support.

****The Phillipston Agricultural Commission**

As this season ends, we would like to update on this past season's activities at the Agricultural Commission.

**** The Community Garden****-Dennis did an amazing job. Dennis worked very hard at the garden, putting fencing and new gates. Setting up a site for the shed we are receiving from the Phillipston Community Preservation Commission. We are so grateful to them for the shed we desperately need for the garden for storage that we need for the Community Garden. Thank you so much.

****The Farmer's Markert**** was every Wednesday on the common from 3pm – 6:30pm. It was a little slow this year, but we in hoping with some changes it will be improved next year. Do to circumstances beyond our control we had to close early this year. We do apologize.

****The Giant Pumpkin Contest**** We held the contest on October 13th, 2024. It was a cold and a little rainy day. We did have many of our vendors and face painters show up. Our entertainment this year was Lost Towns Trio Band and played music and we used their PA system.

We would like to thank you many businesses that donated to prized/ entertainment:

Jon's Automotive- Athol	Adams Farms/ Retail Store- Athol
Energy North Mobile – Athol	E.M. Merrifield Bus Co. Inc. – Athol
Original Tire Co.- Athol	Dales Towing – Athol
Divol Farm- Royalston	The Pizza Factory- Orange
Hannaford's- Gardner	Mount Tully Kennel- Orange
Leano RV Repair – Phillipston	Hartin Welding/Trucking- Phillipston
Green Acre Farm- Phillipston	Country Barn Products- Phillipston
Flint Lock Cycle- Phillipston	Red Apple Farm- Phillipston
Cycle Design- Phillipston	Parker Auto Repair- Phillipston
Blast Tech- Phillipston	Phillipston Lions Club- Phillipston
Crack of Dawn- Phillipston	Lyman Sign- Phillipston
Phillipston Police Association- Phillipston`	
Valcourt Forest Management- Phillipston	
Brookside Equipment and Sales- Phillipston	

And a big Thank you to New Age Landscaping for always being there to unload the pumpkins for us. Couldn't do it without you.

We would like to say and extra special that Phillipston Lions Club for all for support this year. We appreciate it very much appreciate.

The winners of the Pumpkins Contest were:

Pumpkins

Adult

Tim Houle – 10 lb

Ruth French- 3lb

Let's Get Started



Are you ready to:

Targeted population:

Adults with arthritis,
Adults looking to lessen
their risk of falling,
Aging Adults

Decrease risk of falls, improve
physical function, create a
physically active lifestyle and
create a sense of community.

October 28th- December 5th

Locations:

Mondays- 10:00am- Chair Yoga-Phillipston
Memorial- 20 the Common Phillipston, Ma
01331

Tuesdays- 10:00am- Athol Public Library -568
Main St Athol, Ma

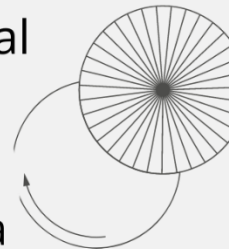
Wednesdays- 9:00am- Wheeler Memorial
Library-49 E. Main St Orange, MA

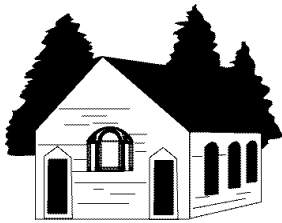
Thursdays- 10:00am- Chair Yoga- Y
Community Center- 486 Main St. Athol, Ma

Register:

978-249-3305/ymcaathol.org

FREE





The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

80 State Road, Phillipston

Museum Hours: The museum is closed until Spring
For consult with our Curator, call:
978-249-4356

Society Meeting --Tuesday, October 29, 2024 Time: 7:00 PM. In the Congregational Church Vestry. (Re-schedule of the October 15th meeting.) On the agenda: Review of the History Tour. What did you see at other museums that might be something we can do? Bring your observations and suggestions. BOD positions. Possible grant opportunity. Please join us. All are welcome!

Memory Tree and Citizen of the Year Award – Sunday, December 1, 2024 Time 4:30 On the Common to light the Christmas Tree, then to the Congregational Church Sanctuary

Want to make an impact? Be part of a group where your contribution is meaningful and appreciated? Maybe you even have an interest in history. We are an all-volunteer organization with many opportunities, and we need your help. For more information, call Kay at 978-835-9088.